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SUBJECT: SUDANESE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

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1. MANY THANKS FOR REFTEL. THAT PLUS YOUR VISIT HERE HAVE HAD A MOST HEARTENING EFFECT. IT IS ENCOURAGING TO LEARN OF THE EFFORTS YOU ARE MAKING.
2. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY THE STATUS OF THE IMF NEGOTIATIONS. FROM HERE IT APPEARS THAT THE FINMIN IS WAITING FOR NIMEIRI'S RETURN FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND POINTS EAST ON JUNE 8 OR 9 BEFORE PUBLICLY BITING THE DEVALUATION BULLET. THINGS SEEM TO BE ON THE TRACK, BUT WE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BEFORE. I WILL BE OH SO HAPPY ONCE THE IMF-SUDAN MARRIAGE IS CONSUMMATED.
3. ON PL 480 WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A HELPFUL AID MESSAGE (STATE 142670) WHICH SPELS OUT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU REQUEST IN PARA 4, REFTEL. PIERSON'S WASHINGTON CONSULTATION HAS BEEN PUT OFF FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS BUT JIM HOLTAWAY OF AID/S WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION YOU REQUIRE.

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4. PROSPECTS OF CONSULTING WITH ALLIES AT OECD AND IN BONN LOOK FINE TO US. I APPLAUD EXPLORATIONS WITH IBRD AND IMF RE SETTING UP CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR SUDAN. THE IDEA MAY BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO SELL HERE, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY WORTH THE EFFORT.
- BERGUS

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